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SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU TO VISIT VENEZUELA,  
MEXICO AND CUBA

1. PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU ANNOUNCED TO THE PRESS ON SEPT 19 THAT HE AND MRS. TRUDEAU WILL VISIT VENEZUELA, MEXICO AND CUBA JANUARY 23 - FEBRUARY 1, AT THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENTS LUIS ECHEVERRIA OF MEXICO AND CARLOS ANDRES PEREZ OF VENEZUELA AND PRIME MINISTER FIDEL CASTRO OF CUBA. THIS TRIP WILL BE PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU'S FIRST MAJOR TOUR IN LATIN AMERICA AND IS "IN ACCORDANCE WITH CANADA'S POLICY OF EXPANDING ITS TIES WITH THE REGION."

2. IN MEXICO, DISCUSSIONS WILL CENTER AROUND CULTURAL EXCHANGES, TRADE AND LABOR PROBLEMS, IN VENEZUELA, AROUND ENERGY AND TRADE PROBLEMS, AND IN CUBA, DISCUSSIONS WILL PRESUMABLY FOCUS ON CANADA'S TRADE AND AID PROGRAM. CANADA  
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WISHES TO ASSURE ITS ECONOMIC NICHE IN CUBA'S

FUTURE, AS THE POSSIBILITY OF US TRADE WITH CUBA BECOMES  
MORE REAL.

3. COMMENT: THE PRESS IN CANADA HAS GIVEN QUITE WIDE  
COVERAGE TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT AND EVEN HAS COMMENTED ON CANADA'S  
INCREASING LINKS WITH THE COMMUNIST WORLD. THIS WAS  
PROMPTED BY NOT ONLY THE PRIME MINISTER'S VISIT TO  
CUBA, BUT BY THE NEWS OF THE FORTHCOMING VISIT OF CUBAN  
DEPUTY PREMIER CARLOS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ TO OTTAWA TO SIGN  
BILATERAL AIR AGREEMENT AND TO DISCUSS TRADE EXPANSION,  
CANADIAN AGRICULTURAL MINISTER EUGENE WHELAN'S VISIT TO  
HUNGARY, BULGARIA, YUGOSLAVIA AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA,  
YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTER MILS MINIC'S VISIT TO CANADA AND  
THE POSSIBILITY THAT SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO MAY  
VISIT OTTAWA. ALTHOUGH EXTAFF OFFICIALS DESCRIBE THIS FLURRY  
OF ACTIVITY AS PURELY COINCIDENTAL, IT IS PROBABLY  
INDICATIVE OF CANADA'S CONTINUING DESIRE TO DIVERSIFY ITS  
FOREIGN RELATIONS.  
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